

# CONNECTION

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# TALKIN' TRASH

### Public Meeting March 31

Trinity residents will soon have the opportunity to learn about and discuss possible citywide curbside trash and recycling service. At an informational meeting later this month City officials will discuss options for providing the service and residents will be able to ask questions and share comments and concerns. City officials have discussed this service for several years.

Currently, residents may contract for private trash pickup, but those wishing to recycle have no reasonable way to do so since the Surrett Drive and Hillsville recycling sites were closed by Randolph County due to contamination. City officials are considering providing residential curbside trash & recycling service through a contract with local haulers who have agreed in concept to



# Trash & Recycling Service Public Meeting

- Tuesday March 31, 2009
- 7:00 p.m.
- Trinity City Hall Annex 6703 NC Hwy. 62
- Presentation by City staff
- Questions and comments from Residents
- Information: 431-2841

form a corporation. By restructuring routes and consolidating administration, City officials are optimistic that curbside recycling and trash service can be provided by our local haulers to City residents for about the same price as residents currently pay for trash pickup only.

#### Can't attend the meeting?

City officials want to know what you think about the City contracting with our local trash collectors to provide curbside trash and recycling ser-

vice for approximately \$15/month (\$45/ quarter). Please e-mail comments to cityhall@trinity-nc.gov or mail to City of Trinity, PO Box 50, Trinity NC 27370.

# Who picks up your trash?

Handy's Garbage Service, Roadside Trash Service, and Smith Disposal are the primary service providers in Trinity. As we consider citywide service, we need to know who else picks up trash in Trinity.

Please let us know if your trash is picked up by someone *other than* Handy's, Roadside, or Smith. Call 431-2841 or email cityhall@trinity-nc.gov with this information:

- 1. Name of your trash collector
- 2. Your name
- 3. Your address
- 4. Your phone number.

Please do not contact us if your trash collector is Handy's, Roadside or Smith.

# One Weekend Only

# **CITY HAUL**

- May 7, 8 & 9
- 8:30 4:30 (or until bins filled)
- 7194 Turnpike Rd. (YMCA Soccer fields)
- Info: 431-2841



**CITY HAUL** brings the landfill to you. Get rid of all the stuff that's cluttering your home and property by disposing of the junk in City provided dumpsters.

#### **Acceptable Materials**

Electronics, metal, household trash & junk, yard waste, compact fluorescent lights in zip-lock type bags (no tubes),

**What's not allowed**: Tires, appliances, paint, batteries, toxic or hazardous materials, commercial waste.

(Some of these items may be taken to the County Landfill)

#### Swap Shop

Gently used items may be dropped off at the site. Household goods will be given away to anyone in need. Remaining items will be donated to a local non-profit.

#### **Event is free for Trinity residents**

Thank you to our partners: Accessible Outfalls, Friends of Trinity, Grubb Family YMCA of Archdale-Trinity, Synergy Recycling LLC

Trinity residents have disposed of 689 tons of trash and 6.9 tons of electronics since the first CITY HAUL in 2005

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## Mayor and City Council Elections set for Nov.

From July 3 through July 17, 2009, Trinity residents may sign up to run for Mayor or for a seat on the City Council.

On November 3, 2009, Trinity residents will elect a Mayor and four residents to the eight-member City Council.



#### Want to Run?

- File for candidacy at Randolph County Board of Elections, 158 Worth St., Asheboro.
- Filing period begins July 3, 2009 at noon; Ends July 17.
- noon; Ends July 17
   Filing fee: \$5.
- Candidates must be at least 21 years old, registered and eligible to vote in Trinity elections and a Trinity resident at the time of filing.

#### **Candidates School**

The Archdale/Trinity Chamber of Commerce will hold a Candidates School for all persons considering a run for public office and will focus on procedures, requirements and general information.

- April 16, 2009
- 6—9 p.m.
- Archdale /Trinity Chamber, 213 Balfour Dr., Archdale
- \$10 for Chamber members; \$15 for non-members.
- Deadline to Register is April 3
- Info. & registration: 434-2073

# When do you need a permit?

f you are considering building a new home or garage, adding on to your existing home or adding an accessory structure it is important that you get the appropriate permits. A permit insures that your construction project complies with zoning setbacks, utility standards, stream setbacks and other development regulations.

Your first stop is City Hall. City staff will sit down with you to discuss your construction project and lay out what you need to get started. Beginning with our development

#### Permit Information

Trinity Planning Dept.: 431-2841

Development ordinances and fee schedule may be viewed online: www.trinity-nc.gov

review checklist, we will discuss the steps you need to take and determine whether or not you need a permit.

It is important to check on permits before you begin a project.

Construction not permitted will be charged double the normal permit fees and could also face civil citations and fines.

The cost of permits range from \$0 to more than \$300 depending on the complexity of the project and the level of technical review required for approval.

#### Storage buildings and sheds

Property owners are responsible for getting zoning permits for outdoor storage buildings. Check with the Planning Department about permits and location requirements for accessory buildings.

# City and school partner to construct rain gardens

hanks to a grant received by Archdale-Trinity Middle School, rain gardens will soon be constructed at the school and at Trinity City Hall by



Stormwater Smart members of the school's Environmental Club. Rain gardens, or infiltration basins, filter pollutants carried in stormwater from small drainage areas such as roof tops and parking lots.

A rain garden is a depression in the landscape that collects and holds runoff for a brief period of time as it drains through the ground. This process cleans the water in two ways – by filtering it and allowing it to be absorbed in the plants and surrounding soil. The area is usually planted with indigenous plants that can withstand both intense periods of rain as well as drought-like conditions.

Rain gardens are a solution for homeowners seeking to conserve water and protect the environment. Information about designing and constructing rain gardens may be found at http://learningstore.uwex.edu/pdf/GWQ034.pdf.

# Can the grease to prevent sewage backups

- ☐ Never pour grease, oil, or fats down any drain.
- ☐ Scrape food scraps from dishes into trash cans and dispose of in the same manner as other garbage.
- ☐ Use a strainer in the sink to catch food scraps and other solids—then throw them in the trash.
- ☐ Pour cooled grease into an empty can or plastic bottle and dispose of in the trash.
- ☐ Use rubber scrapers and paper towels to remove grease and oil from
- ☐ Don't throw baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, towelettes, or any type of plastic into the toilet. These items do not break down and contribute to clogs and sewage backups.

#### City Advisory Boards

# Infrastructure/ Parks & Recreation

Mike Robertson, Chairman Sidney Stewart Vice Chairman Tommy Johnson Dean Spinks Michaele Stafford

#### Planning/Zoning

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#### **City Officials**

#### <u>Mayor</u>

Fran Andrews

#### **Council Members**

Karen Bridges Barbara Ewings Kelly Grooms Barry Lambeth Robbie Sikes

Tyler Earnst

Linda Gantt

Edith Reddick

#### **Administration**

Ann Bailie, City Manager

Debbie Hinson, City Clerk/ Finance Officer

Lori Hunt, Assistant City Clerk

Lisa Beam, Office Assistant

#### Planning Dept.

Adam Stumb, Planning/Zoning Administrator & Code Enforcement Officer

Joe Rainey,
Planning/Zoning
& Code Enforcement Assistant

#### **Water Resources**

Rich Baker, Stormwater Administrator

# City of Vision plans for future growth area

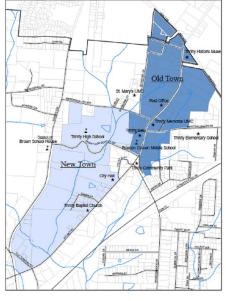
mminent sewer service has prompted Trinity officials to plan for future development in Center City, an area encompassing the New Town and Old Town areas of Trinity and bordered roughly by Surrett Dr., NC Hwy. 62, and Sealy Dr.

Infrastructure improvements will soon make this area suitable for development. Public water is available and sewer service is planned for 2011.

The Center City Project is intended to create a realistic plan for development of an attractive, economically viable, and sustainable urban center in this area which will be at risk for rapid and haphazard development when sewer service is available.

The Center City Plan will identify and illustrate practical development and redevelopment opportunities in the study area. Provisions of the Center City plan will apply mainly to future growth and not to existing land use and zoning unless the use of a property changes or a rezoning is requested by the property owner.

There will be many opportunities for residents to participate in the planning process. Citizens may engage in online dialogue via an interactive website, participate in focus group interviews, and help



#### **Help plan Center City**

City officials invite and encourage you to join the planning process:

- E-mail cityhall@trinity-nc.gov and ask to be notified of Center City planning events
- Watch for announcements in the A-T News
- Check the City's website for schedules and public activities: www.trinity-nc.gov

plan future land use, transportation networks, and architectural standards during a multiday urban design exercise.

The Lawrence Group, a professional land planning and architectural firm will lead visioning and planning exercises for the Center City Project. Kubilins Transportation Group, Inc. will assist with traffic engineering and transportation planning within the project area, and Rose & Associates will conduct a market assessment including a review and evaluation of existing & potential development in the study area. A Center City Steering Committee will be appointed by the City Council to provide general guidance, assist with public outreach and communications, and facilitate implementation of the plan.

#### **Background on Center City**

Trinity's Land Development Plan identifies the Old Town and New Town areas as having special significance to the City and details recommendations for development:

**Old Town**: Trinity's historic and cultural center was the site

of Trinity College. The 174 acre area includes a mix of residential and commercial properties with some structures dating back to the college era of the late 1800s. The town prospered as a result of the college until it was relocated to Durham and renamed Duke University for the new benefactor. Recommendations for development include low to medium density single family residential, small scale office and commercial, and comparable development of scattered vacant lots.

**New Town**: New Town is a largely undeveloped 244 acre area south of Old Town. This area is designated as a site for a new urban center capable of supporting a variety of land uses including high density single- and multi-family residential, office, commercial, institutional, and entertainment. Included are 27 acres of City owned property adjacent to Trinity High School which is nearly centrally located between Old and New Town.

Information about the Center City Project including dates and times of public meetings will be posted on the City's website, www.trinity-nc.gov, and published in the Archdale-Trinity News.

City officials hope you will participate in the Center City Project. In doing so, the final development plan will reflect the vision of our community.

# Center City Project includes plan for City property

A master plan for the City's 27-acre property will be completed as part of the Center City Project. This will enable the City to apply for financial grants to begin constructing public facilities on the property.

#### This land is your land

An important and necessary requirement for grant funding is public involvement in the planning process. So, please tell us what you would like built on City land. Some items already identified include: Veterans Memorial, City Hall building, public works building (for city equipment), preservation of the Bathing Rock, walking/biking trails and other passive recreation facilities.

What else would you like? How about an outdoor amphitheatre or band shell, skateboard park, disc golf course, community center, library, or arts center? Send your ideas to cityhall@trinity-nc.gov or mail to PO Box 50, Trinity NC 27370.



City of Trinity appreciates land owners who have dedicated property for greenways. A new policy will recognize land donations by naming sections of greenways in honor of donors. Maps of the City greenway system are online: www.trinity-nc.gov

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City of Trinity: City of Vision

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#### **City of Trinity**

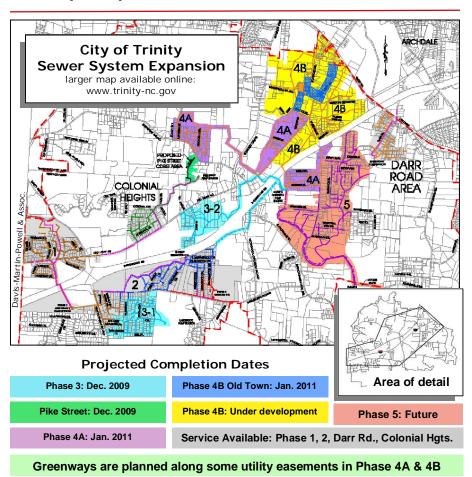
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#### **Public Notice**

**Sewer System Update** — Discount tap fee is \$1,000; the standard fee is \$1,500.

Phase 3 Discount tap fee deadline: 10/30/09. Pike St. Discount tap fee deadline: 6/30/10.

Property owners in these phases may set up no-interest payment schedules. Residents in Phase 4A and 4B may also set up payment plans with the understanding that tap fees for those phases have not been set and the cost may change. Call 431-2841 for information.

City Finances —The City of Trinity is not immune to the worldwide economic downtown. Examples of cost-saving measures are this newsletter (color version is online) and the reduction in City Haul hours of operation.

City officials recognize their role as stewards of taxpayer monies—which means knowing when to spend as well as when not to. The Center City Project is an example of responsible strategic spending. Sewer line extensions to this area meant the City Council faced a major decision— whether to plan for a new "downtown" that would be the center of community life, or risk a building moratorium to complete a plan in the future, or to give up on the idea and accept haphazard development. The Council chose to plan. More than 20 competitive proposals were received to assist with the Center City Project—an indication of tough economic times. The Council's decision to move forward means that when the economy recovers the City will be ready for development—with a plan for Center City as well as a site plan for the 27-acre municipal tract.

### **City Meetings Schedule**

Meetings are held in the new City Hall Annex, 6703 NC Hwy. 62. (behind the City Hall "House."

#### City Council

Regular meetings are held third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Pre-agenda meetings are held second Tuesdays of each month at 4:00 p.m.

#### Planning & Zoning Board

Meets fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Board serves as Board of Adjustment.

# Infrastructure/Parks & Rec Committee

Meets first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

# Public Safety Board Meets fourth Thurs-

day of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas are posted online: www.trinity-nc.gov.

#### Project Safe Place

Trinity City Hall is a Safe Place. Youth at risk of abuse, neglect or family problems may seek help and safety wherever the yellow and black sign is displayed.